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Today's Topics:

Autopatch: Foreign Language ? (2 msgs)

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Subject: Autopatch: Foreign Language ?
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In rec.radio.amateur.policy, mcovingt@aisun3.ai.uga.edu (Michael Covington)
writes:
>In article <93058.115809AXH113@psuvm.psu.edu> Azmi Hashim <AXH113@psuvm.psu.edu>
writes:
>>Is it legal to use foreign language on the air while using autopatch.
>
>Yes. I have never heard of telephone companies objecting to foreign
>languages, and the FCC certainly doesn't.
>
>Hams must give their call signs in English.
>

Technically, yes. But what the fellow's original question failed to
address is the matter of practicality. Here's why that's an important
consideration that would certainly keep ME from using a foreign language

on an autopatch.

An autopatch -- except to a person being capable of being a control operator -- constitutes third party traffic. And -- guess what? -- a human control operator MUST be present at the local or remote control point whenever third party traffic is involved.

If I'm driving down the road and decide to bring up the local patch, should I assume that the control operator knows Swahili and then suddenly conduct my third party traffic conversation in that language? Of course not. I'm putting his license (and his wallet!) in jeopardy by doing that. I wouldn't even consider it.

The response to Azmi's question then, should most properly be "You might get away with it, but it's asking one heck of a lot of your fellow amateur, and might in fact get him in more trouble than it could possibly be worth".

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lhurder@arrl.org (Luck Hurder KY1T) writes:
>might get away with it, but it's asking one heck of a lot of your
>fellow amateur

That's especially true here in the USA, where many hams have trouble with English, let alone some other language. I wonder how often a similar situation might occur in other countries?

I certainly recall hearing more than one language on the repeaters whilst touring in Europe. Multi-lingual skills seemed much more common on the Continent.

- Brian

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